

## **THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Friends, all that humbly put their trust in Christ and desire his help that they may lead a holy life, all that are truly sorry for their sins and would be delivered from the burden of them, are invited and encouraged to come to this sacrament. Let us therefore so come that we may find refreshing and rest to our souls.

As we draw near to the Lord's Table to celebrate the Holy Communion of the body and blood of Christ, we are gratefully to remember that our Lord instituted this Sacrament:

For the perpetual memory of his dying for our sake and the pledge of his undying love.

As a bond of our union with him and with each other as members of his mystical body;

As a seal of his promises to us and a renewal of our obedience to him.

For the blessed assurance of his presence with us who are gathered here in his name;

And as a promise of his coming again.

Let us pray:

O God, who by the life and death and rising again of your dear Son has consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all. Cleanse our minds by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that drawing near to you with a pure heart and conscience undefiled, we may receive these your gifts without sin and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Words of Institution**

Let us reverently listen to the words of the Institution of the holy supper of our Lord Jesus Christ as they are delivered to us by the Apostle Paul:

I have received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took a

loaf of bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, Take, eat: this is my body, that is for you: Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s Death until he comes.

And now in his name, I take these elements to be set apart by prayer and thanksgiving for the holy use to which he has appointed them.

Let us pray:

Most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose once offering up of himself upon the cross we commemorate before you: We earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving:

And we pray that you will bless and sanctify with your Word and Spirit these your own gifts of bread and wine that we set before you, that we may receive by faith Christ crucified for us, that he may be made one with us and we with him.

And here we offer and present to you ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as with all the fellowship in heaven and on earth, we pray that you will fulfill in us and in all people, the purpose of your redeeming love;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the glory and the praise, both now and evermore. Amen.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say’  
Our Father . . . . .

**The Lord Jesus took bread**, and when he had given thanks, he broke it; and gave it to his disciples and said: “Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

*The Minister breaks the bread.*

*The Minister pours the wine in the full view of the people.*

**After supper he took the cup of wine,** And when he had given thanks, as had been done in his name, he gave it to his disciples, saying, this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood. All of you, drink of it.

## **The Communion of the People.**

### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for your rich mercy and invaluable goodness provided for us in this sacred Communion, in which we have assurance that we truly members of the mystical body of your Son and heirs through hope of your everlasting kingdom. So enrich us by your continual grace that the life of Jesus may be manifest in us, and your kingdom furthered through all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in.

O Almighty God, who has built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone: Grant, we pray you, that being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, your church may display your power among all peoples to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, world without end.

Eternal Light, immortal Love, we bless your name for all your servants who have kept the faith and finished their course, and are at rest with you. Help us to abide in their fellowship and so to follow their example, that we may with them sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb, which is in heaven. Amen.